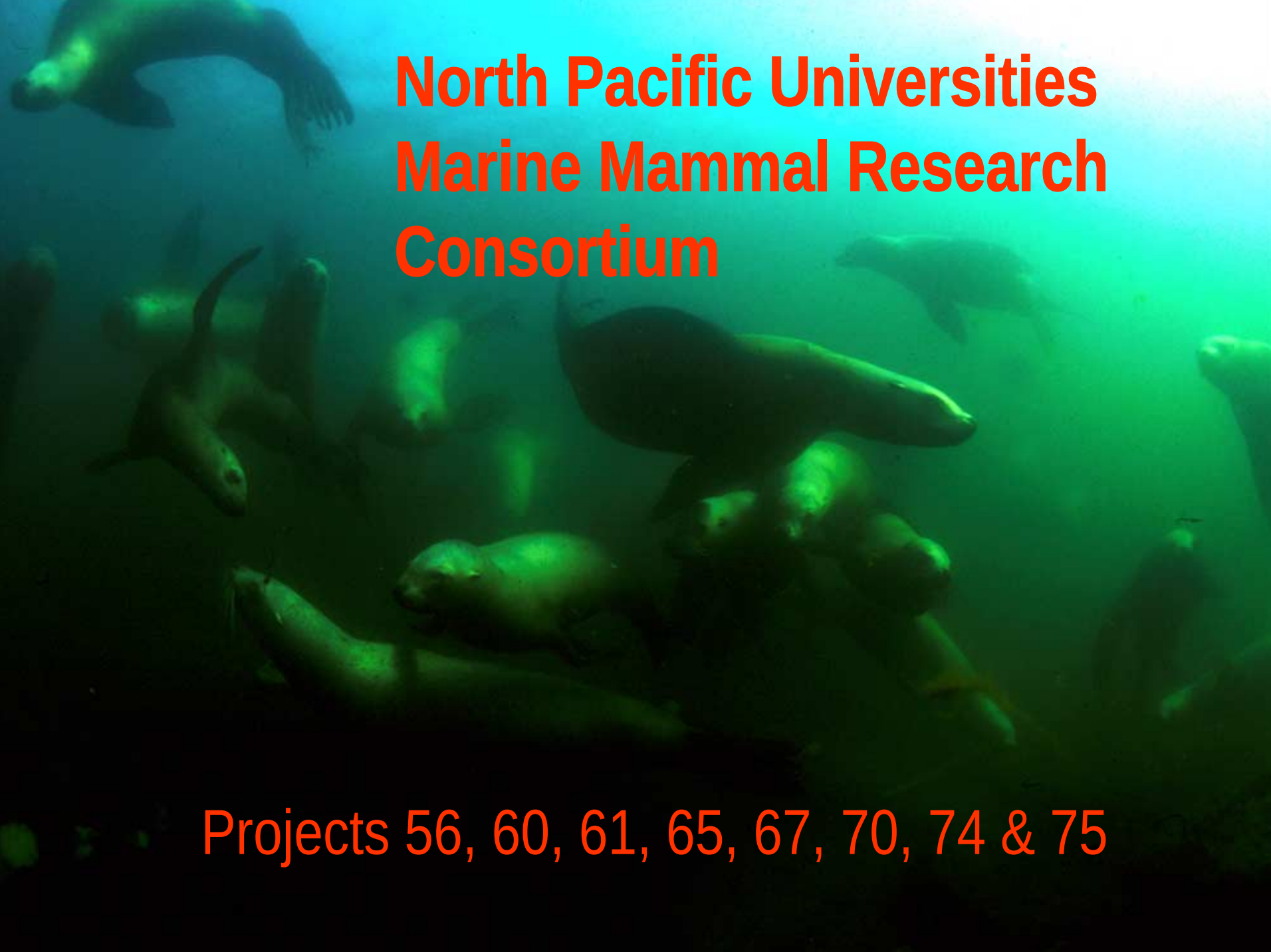

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Projects 56, 60, 61, 65, 67, 70, 74 & 75

Timing of Molt

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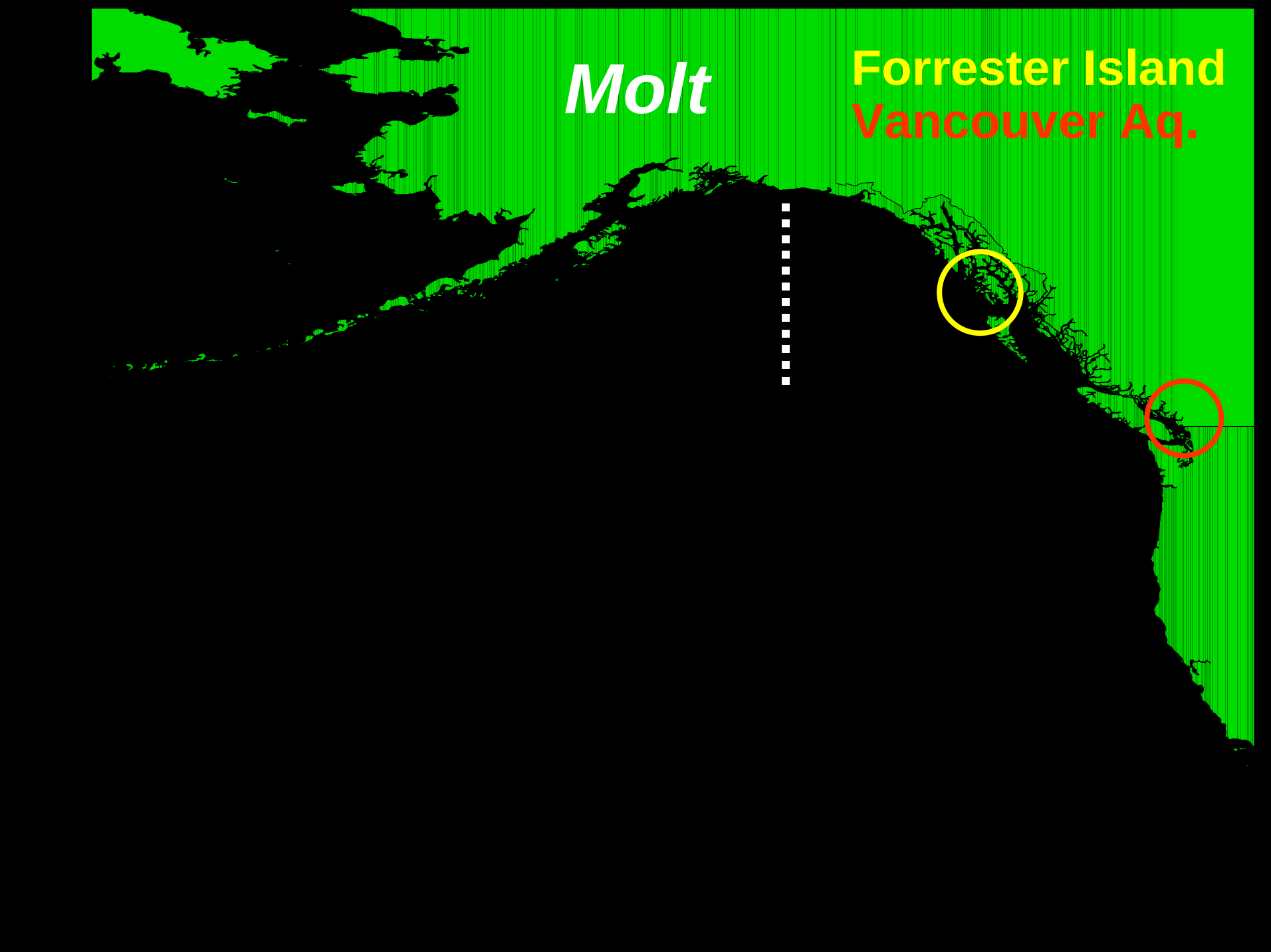
2001-56

- Document progression and timing
- Effect on haulout behavior
- Determine physiological factors that influence timing


Molt
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Trends in Diet & Population of SSLs in Oregon

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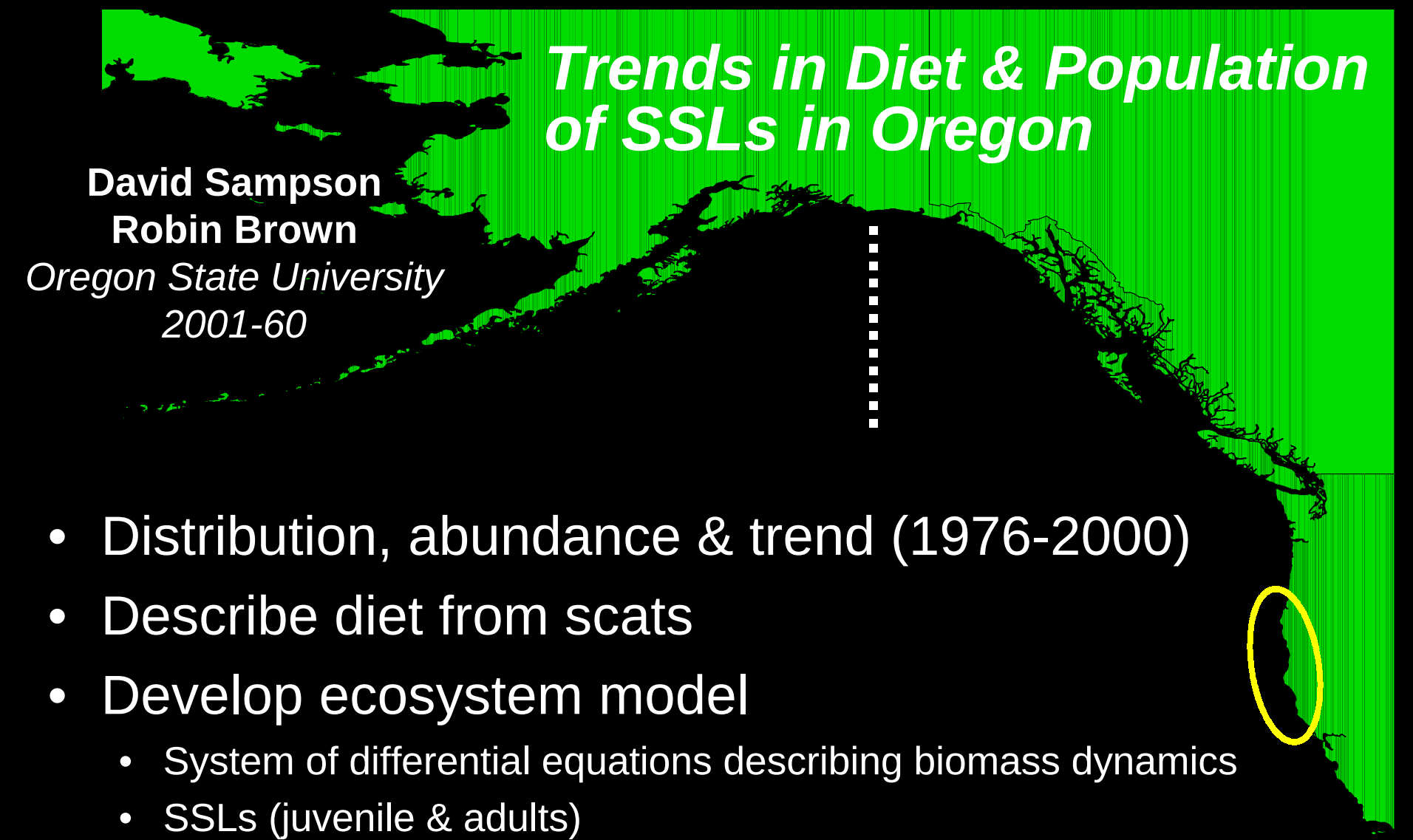
Oregon State University
2001-60



- Distribution, abundance & trend (1976-2000)
- Describe diet from scats
- Develop ecosystem model
  - System of differential equations describing biomass dynamics
  - SSLs (juvenile & adults)
  - Major fish species
  - Major prey species

Population Dynamics of SSLs in Oregon vs Alaska

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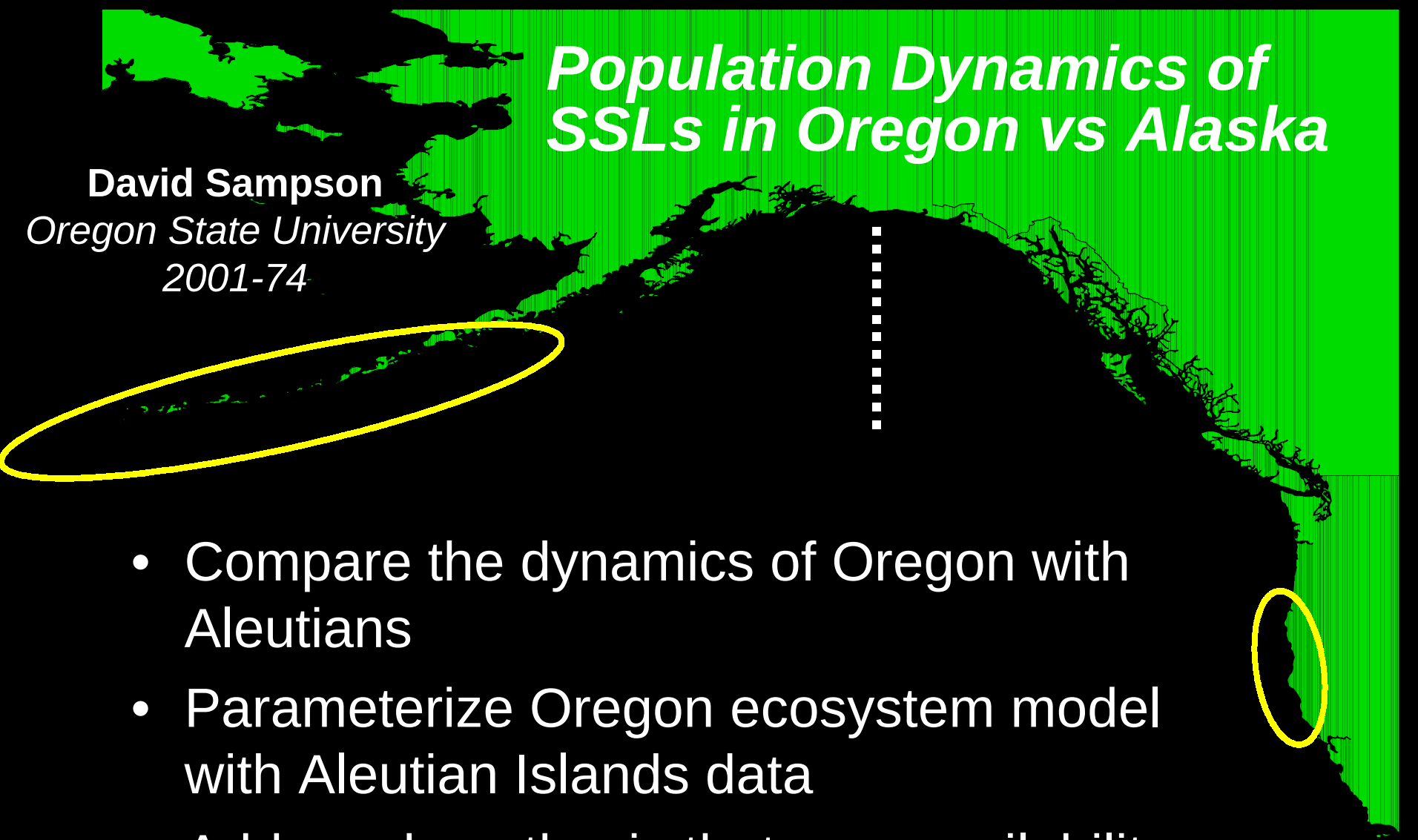
2001-74



- Compare the dynamics of Oregon with Aleutians
- Parameterize Oregon ecosystem model with Aleutian Islands data
- Address hypothesis that prey availability caused SSL decline in Aleutians

Monitoring Demographics & Diet of SSLs in Washington

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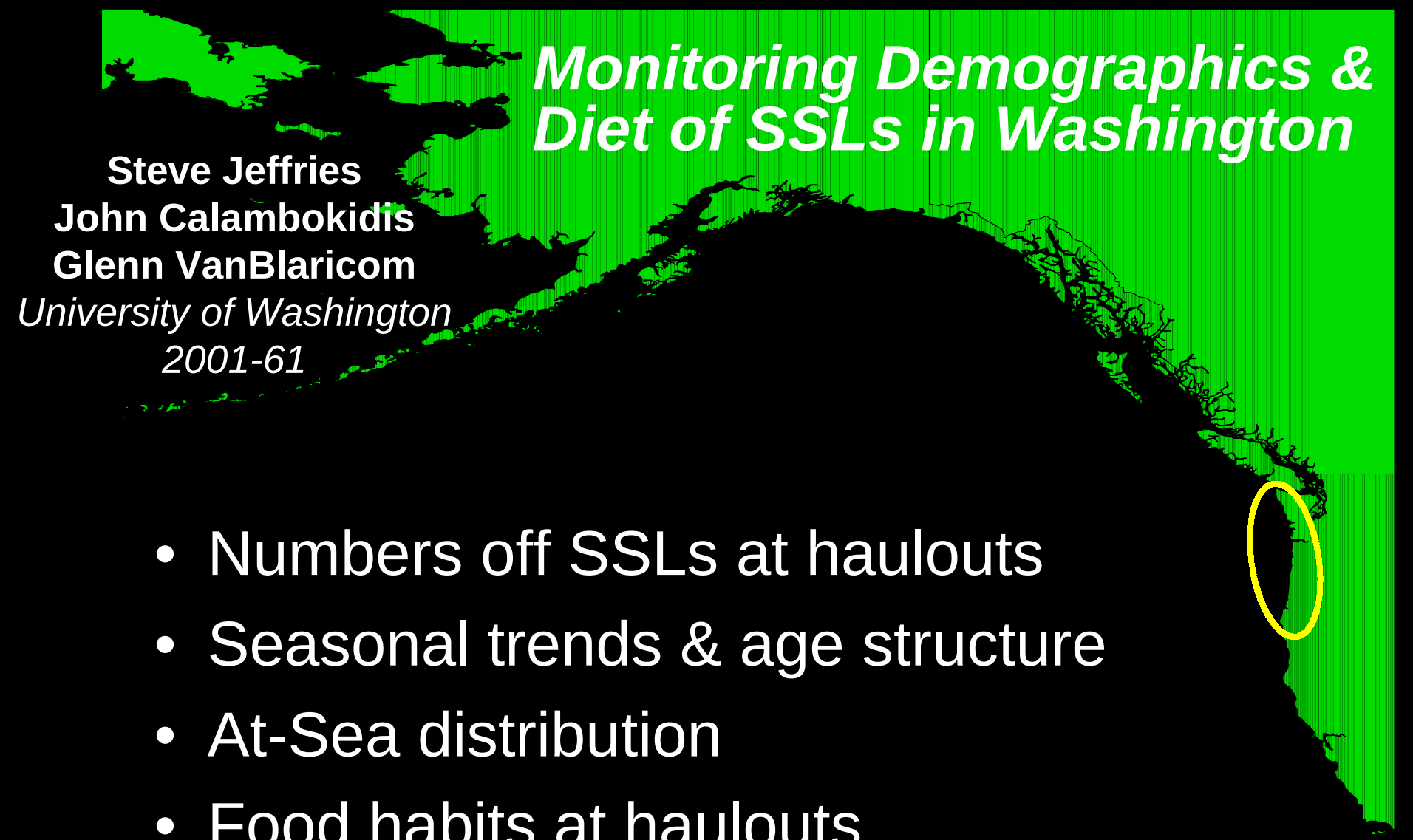
2001-61



- Numbers off SSLs at haulouts
- Seasonal trends & age structure
- At-Sea distribution
- Food habits at haulouts

Population Viability Analysis

Arliss Winship & Andrew Trites
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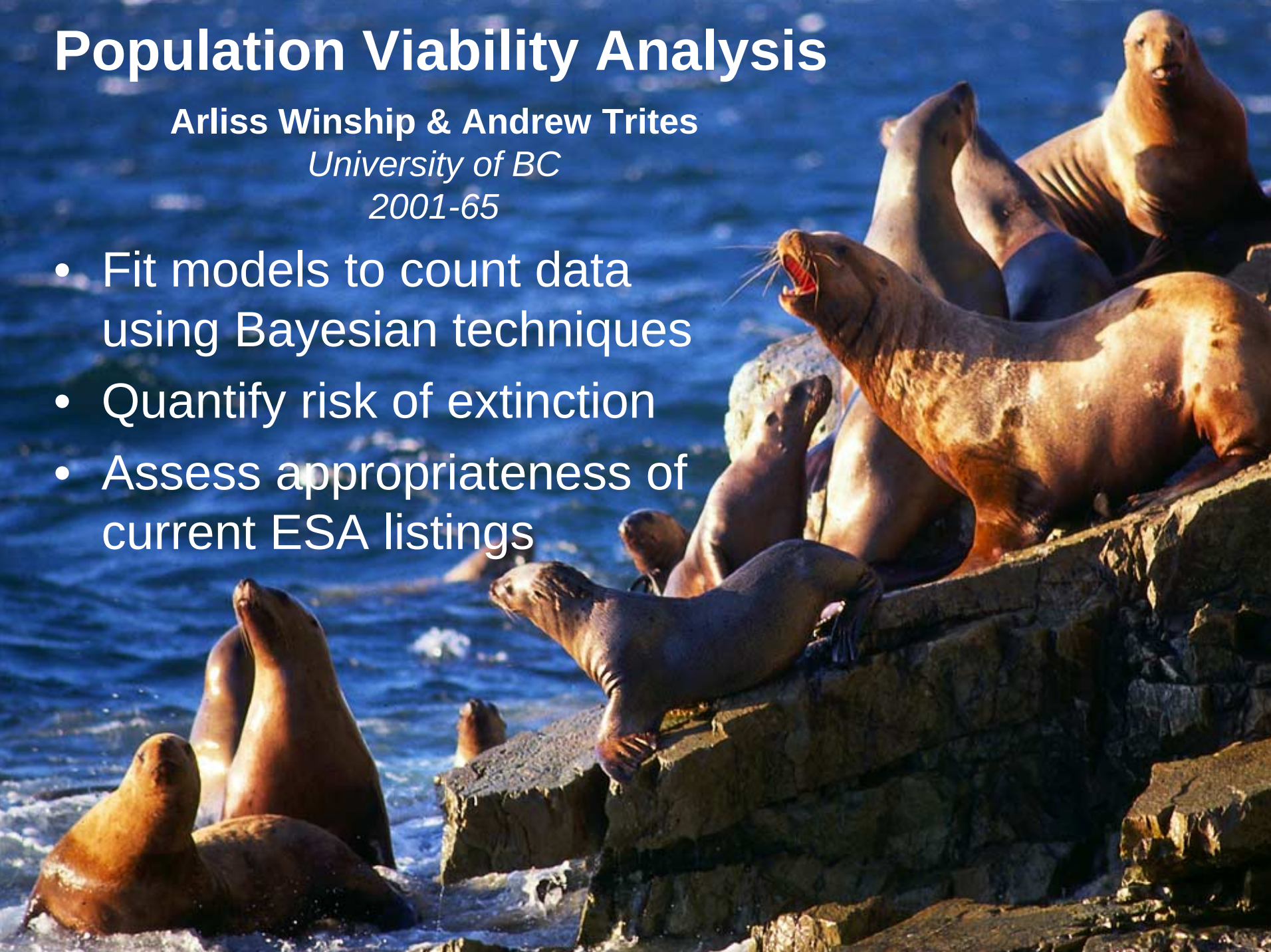
2001-65

- Fit models to count data using Bayesian techniques
- Quantify risk of extinction
- Assess appropriateness of current ESA listings



Review of Nutritional Stress Hypothesis in Seabirds & Steller Sea Lions

Daniel Roby
Oregon State University
2001-67

- Appear to be parallels between some sea bird declines & Steller sea lions
- Review effect of nutrition & diet on breeding biology and population dynamics of sea birds & marine mammals

Leptin, Reproductive Cycles & Energy Balance in SSLs

Saeko Kumagai
David Rosen
University of BC
2001-70

- Leptin: hormone that regulates food intake & energy balance (humans & rodents)
- Determine if relationship between leptin, energy intake, body condition & reproductive cycle

- Captive study
  - 7 females
  - Periodic fasting over 1 year

Assessing Physiological Stress Using Fecal Hormones

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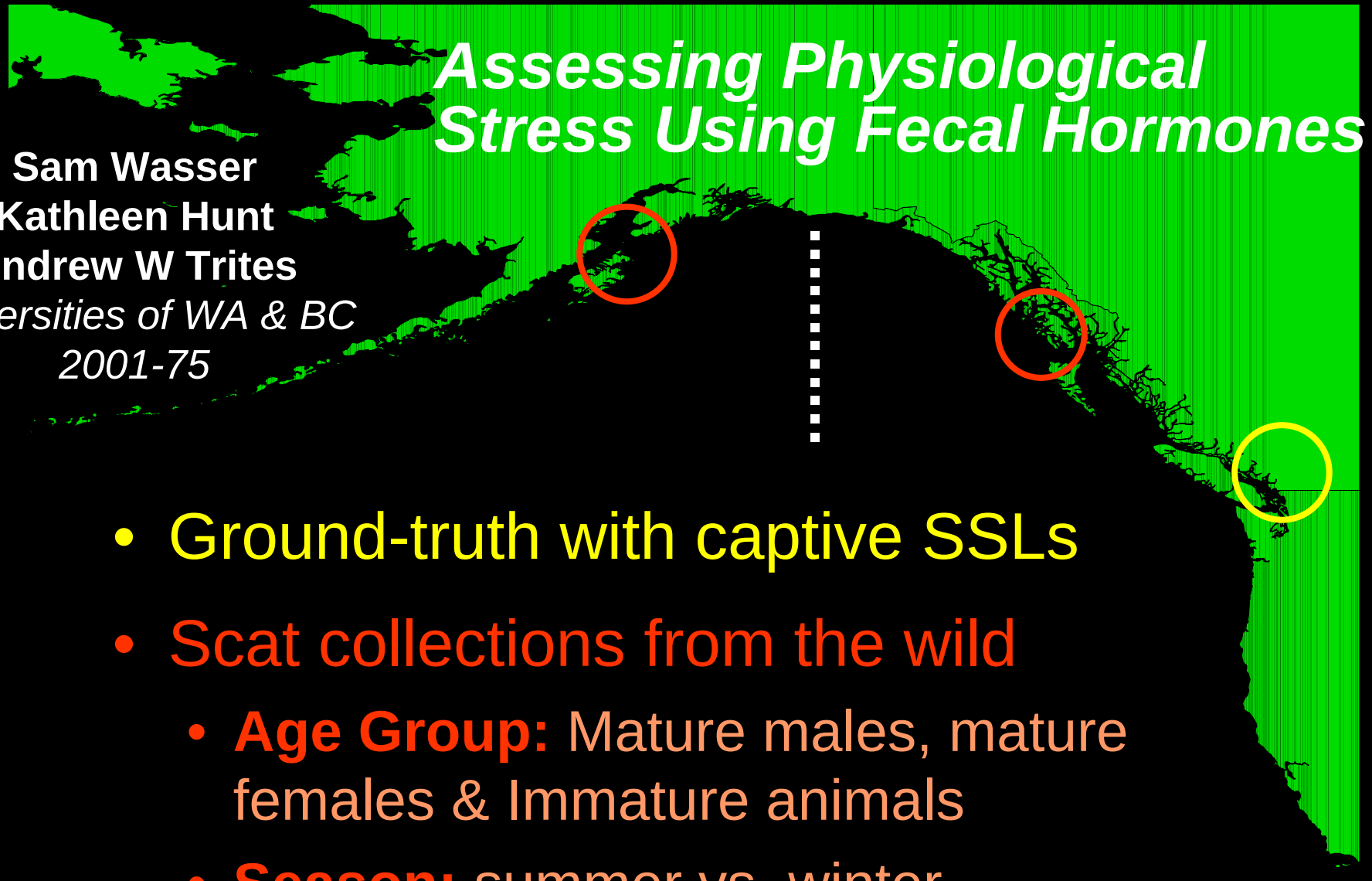
2001-75



- Ground-truth with captive SSLs
- Scat collections from the wild
  - **Age Group:** Mature males, mature females & Immature animals
  - **Season:** summer vs. winter
  - **Region:** declining vs. increasing

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